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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Oct. 29 th

Our next meeting is on Oct. 29, at JOCO Library at 6PM on 87th St. Our program will be by N0AX, Ward Silver, ARRL writer and presenter, on Grounding and Bonding. The program will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2019!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2019! W0ZAP has volunteered to take over the job of Room Manager for the KCDXC. Rick will be working with AB0X this year to learn the details of the job. THANKS, Rick!

The cost for rooms for 2019 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP at rickp098@gmail.com, to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2019. Contact ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have any questions. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2019.



N0AX

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		221	23	2280
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	324		103		2624
NX0I	350	348	347	242		208		2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
K3PA	349	347	344	314		152	36	2673
KS0DX	347	318	347	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	138	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	277			5	2300
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	205	331	112	149	17		1348
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	326	269	314	146		52		1617
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	247	215	193	14				887
W0DR	220	29	144	3		5	4	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Please only one update a month.

My Shack Is Haunted!

By AB0X

I have always been kind of a skeptic concerning paranormal activity. Toward the end of October last year I had to re-evaluate my beliefs. Maybe I had been watching too many of the cable TV shows about ghost hunters running around in the dark with weird electronic devices that claim to speak with spirits of the departed. However, I had to question my beliefs after some events that occurred in my own home. It was almost Halloween in 2017, so I thought maybe this influenced what happened, but I haven't been Trick or Treating in over 60 years!

One of the common types of hauntings, which I think affected me, is when a spirit takes possession of the mind and body of a living being. This was what I feared after the events of last October. I chose to do some reading on the topic of possession of people by spirits to research what might have caused the strange event last October. I chose the internet and Google to start with on my research on possession by spirits, mainly because it is so easy to do, as one does not have to make a trip to the local library, and it can be done conveniently at your leisure. Plus, we all know everything we read on the internet is true, right?

I did notice a trend in the internet research I did on possession: There were many people who claimed possession by famous people of the past. I also noticed that there were some claims of mass possession by many, many people by one spirit!

In the research, I did not find mention of any link to the spirit I suspected controlling me last October or anyone else. I was totally puzzled! I found many of the stories of mass possession were linked to religious groups or cult followings, but none were anywhere close to my experience. I am closely monitoring events to see if there is a repeat of what I experienced in Oct. of 2017.

Yet, I was not alone last October. There were thousands of other people who experienced the same apparent possession at the same time as me. However, it seemed my personal possession was only in control of me when I was in my ham shack. I could leave the room and I would feel definitely different. When I went out of the shack and I easily communicated with my wife and even talked on the phone to my grandkids on that Saturday afternoon.

However, there was a deep, controlling urge and need to return to the ham shack. At the time I didn't understand it, but now after months of careful consideration and mind searching, I have come to the conclusion that I was clearly controlled or possessed by a supernatural spirit that made me act this way. My shack must be haunted!

It appears that there were many other people who shared this possession last year. After serious contemplation, I have changed my mind about the spiritual world and how it can affect our world.

OK, I will quit beating around the bush and just go ahead and say it: I think the last weekend in October of last year, I was possessed by the spirit of Marconi!

Here are the symptoms of possession I experienced last year: 1) The desire to sit in a small room (radio shack) for a full weekend 2) Endlessly tune your radio looking for new DX stations to work 3) The need to yell your call into a microphone in huge pile ups you know you can't break 4) Stay up most of the weekend with no sleep 5) Eat bad food hurriedly 6) Constantly mumble to yourself, "I wish I had a taller tower!" 7) By midway thru the weekend, start talking with an Italian accent.

So, who else could it be but Marconi?

Could there be some other event that would have made me and thousands of other hams behave this way? If you can think of any other event that would cause one to behave this way, please share with the KCDXC.



NORTH AMERICAN

CQ WW RTTY SCORES!

Looks like all the hard work on antennas has paid off for ACØC. Jeff is shown in the top spot. Congratulations, ACØC!



North America

[Single-Op High All Bands](#)

ACØC.....	1,947,894
VP2V/AA7V.....	1,828,600
K5ZD.....	1,543,104
W4GO.....	1,476,025
W4PK.....	1,191,168
WB9Z.....	1,158,911
VE2GS0.....	946,956
VE3KI.....	758,219
AD5XD.....	682,825
N4CW.....	651,45

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The Telegraph is Still Alive

By Jim Andera, KØNK

Special Event stations can be a great way to introduce the public to amateur radio. For the 19th straight year, amateur radio has been part of the Hollenberg Pony Express Festival in north-central Kansas. Located near Hanover, Kansas, the Hollenberg's annual festival brings the old west back to life. That includes our amateur radio station configured to look much like an 1860's telegraph office. A display that nicely blends into the many other displays depicting early-American life here on the plains of Kansas.

Kids of all ages are intrigued by the Telegraph Office's front counter display. Here, visitors are invited to try their hand at sending the Morse code. The front counter contains an assortment of Morse code apparatus that takes the visitors through a short-course in history of the Morse code, starting with a straight key and sounder that clicks and clacks away, to a straight key and CPO, then to a bug and finally to an Iambic Keyer.

Adding to the display is a pseudo-replica of a WWII spy radio often referred to as a paraset (a Bayou Jumper kit by the 4-State QRP group). This radio lets visitors see how

Morse code was used by the WWII resistance forces operating behind enemy lines in Belgium and France, allowing them to communicate back to England. That display is followed by an copy of the Overland Journal magazine that contains an article describing how ham radio is used in support of historic places and events (<http://www.sftarc.org/images/files/newsletter/Radio-Active%20Trails%20Article.pdf>).

Behind the front counter is a simple HF station that takes the form of a working telegraph office. A 12-volt deep-cycle marine battery powers a Kenwood TS-50 HF transceiver operating through a tuner into an off-center-fed 80m dipole fed with ladder line. This setup has proven to be quite effective in supporting our special-event operation, and also as a tool to demonstrate to the public how amateur radio operators can communicate over long distance with just a temporary setup and without the need of any man-made infrastructure.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, and I operated the station for over 6 hours—taking frequent breaks to talk to the public. Using the club call for the Crown Amateur Radio Association, K0ASA, we worked 80, 40 and 20m on CW and also had a 20m phone frequency. Propagation on August 26 was nothing to brag about, but we bagged two pages worth of QSO in the Logbook. However the most rewarding part of the operation is the meet-the-public aspect and introducing visitors to ham radio. And as icing on the cake, we had a number of area ham operators drop by the Telegraph Office and provide us with eyeball QSOs.





Charlie Hett, K0THN demonstrates the Morse code to visitors

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Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The September meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:00 pm CDT (September 24, 2018 - 2300 UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Operating FT8 - A Primer **Jay Duthler, KE0U**
- Power Line Noise Search, **Drew Vonada-Smith, K3PA**

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. No guests were noted.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for October

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Highlights were VP6D, VK9XG

Contesting for October

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Highlights reported as usual, many state QSO parties are scheduled. The CQWW RTTY contest is a big one for AC0C.

Program

Operating FT8 – A Primer Jay

Jay gave a very complete operating with FT8. He covered hardware, software, logging and recommended documents for

Jay generously posted his his very nice Morse Tutor



Duthler, KE0U

overview of setting up operating, and further study.

presentation on website.

<https://morsetutor.com/2018/09/kc-dx-club-ft8-presentation/>

Unfortunately there was not enough time for Drew, K3PA, to do his line noise search presentation so that will be seen at a later date.

Russ, K0VXU filled the remaining time by showing a miscellaneous selection of photos of old rigs, licenses, stations, books, etc. that brought back memories to many of us.

Announcements

Ward Silver, N0AX, is the tentative speaker for the October 29th meeting and he will talk about the WRTC.

Either **Drew, K3PA**, or **Lee Ward, K0LW**, will talk at the November 26th meeting.

The Christmas party is to be at RC's in Martin City on December 15th. Time is TBA.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

There were a few **W0AR** club DX contest reports. Drew, K3PA reported working about 230 DX entities this year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles Hett **K0THN** KCDX Club Secretary



VP6D Ducie Island
DXpedition

20th October- 3rd November 2018 OC-182

AT PRESS TIME: VP6D SHOULD BE ON THE AIR IN JUST A FEW HOURS!

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

News/Press Release- Pacific Islands DXpedition Group

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 13, 2018

Amateur radio permit application to Kure Atoll “denied”; Hawaii’s Department of Land and Natural Resources cites 1990 textbook, “Vertical structures such as the radio antenna... for ham radio operations, pose a direct bird strike hazard.”

Trivoli, IL (October 13, 2018) – Over the course of the past four years, the Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) has sought permission to conduct a DXpedition from Kure Atoll, currently ranked by ClubLog as the #7 Most Wanted DXCC entity. During this time PIDXG has filed four separate permit applications.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the first application filed in November 2014, was voluntarily withdrawn in April 2015 following authorization by The Nature Conservancy for the PIDXG’s January 2016 K5P Palmyra Atoll DXpedition.

A second permit application, filed in April 2016, was also subsequently withdrawn, nearly one-year later, due to the ARRL DXCC action “deleting” Kure Island (and Midway Island) from the DXCC program.

However, following its DXCC reinstatement, a third PIDXG permit application for Kure was filed in July 2017.

During the process of these three permit attempts, several email exchanges occurred to address the reviewing agencies’ follow-up questions and legitimate concerns about our activity coinciding with Kure Atoll’s “albatross season.”

Ultimately, our third permit application stalled out. Email status requests went unanswered. In December 2017, a phone call was placed to our Permit Coordinator assigned from Hawaii’s Division of Forestry and Wildlife and we were advised that an

official “denial package” would be returned to PIDXG following a January 2018 Trustee Review Board meeting in Honolulu.

After many email requests and phone calls on the status of the “denial,” on June 25, 2018 PIDXG finally received the formal denial package from the Chairperson of Hawaii’s Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The official position was that amateur radio “cannot be conducted with adequate safeguards for the resources and ecological integrity” of Kure Atoll. They contend that our use of antennas would pose a considerable risk to the island’s bird population in spite of the fact that we indicated in our application we would be following USF&W approved guidelines and protocols successfully used by DXpeditions in other National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) and as praised by USF&W officials. (see video excerpt produced by James Brooks 9V1YC from the 2009 K4M Midway DXpedition:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCh24EmmIOg>

Follow-up phone calls and emails to Hawaii DLNR officials requesting additional clarification have been ignored and a formal Freedom of Information request to the State of Hawaii has likewise resulted in no substantive information relative to the denial.

Throughout each attempt of the permitting process, PIDXG has acted in good faith in its efforts. It has adhered to all procedural and application guidelines necessary for requesting access to this Public Land, land where amateur radio has already been determined to have “existing use” by the same Federal agencies overseeing this and other Pacific NWRs.

It is the understanding of PIDXG that there have been NO documented instances of negative impact to the “ecological integrity” at any NWR from any previous amateur radio activity. Thankfully, through the guidance of the oversight agencies and the protocols directing radio operations from these environmentally sensitive areas, it can be said that amateur radio has maintained an impeccable track record in this regard. To suggest that amateur radio poses “unacceptable risks” or “has the potential to adversely impact seabirds and other protected species” at Kure Atoll is disingenuous and without basis in fact. Again, we refer to the praises sung by U.S. Fish and Wildlife in the above mentioned YouTube video excerpt.

The last amateur radio activity to Kure Atoll was in 2005. PIDXG does not think it is unreasonable to request the use of a U.S. Public Land for an amateur radio activity following a 13-15 year lapse.

For the record, there is no appeal process in this matter. PIDXG has requested personal meetings with review agency members to discuss this activity but no response has been given to our requests. However, the cover letter accompanying the denial package indicates PIDXG is not precluded “from submitting applications in the future and will be evaluated pursuant to the findings criteria.” As such, a fourth Kure Atoll permit application was filed by PIDXG on August 6, 2018.

At this time, PIDXG requests interested DXers to help in this matter. We simply ask that you send your QSL card and brief note respectfully asking the Hawaii’s Department of Land and Natural Resource to please reconsider their position in this matter to:

Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
c/o Suzanne Case, Chairperson
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Meanwhile, the PIDXG would like to thank the DX Community for your interest and support and will certainly keep you posted on any news relative to our efforts with Kure Atoll.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND WRITE A LETTER TO THE DLNR! HELP PRESERVE PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR HAM OPERATIONS!!-AB0X

OTHER DX:

4X0, ISRAEL. Members of the Holy Land DX Group will operate from the heart of "Masada Fortress" <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masada>> as 4X0M (M=Masada) between January 4-6th, 2019. Masada is one of the most attractive sites and has the highest number of tourists visiting. Activity will start on Friday, January 4th, at 0730 UTC, and close down on Sunday, January 6th, 0600 UTC. They will have two stations on the air on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Ruben/4Z5FI, Mark/4Z4KX, Alex/4Z4AK, Ros/4Z5LA, Yuli/4X6HP, Vladimir/4Z5IW, Amir/4X6YA, Arthur/ 4X4DZ, Jan/4X1VF and Hal/W8HC. QSL Manager is Antonello, IK2DUW.

8Q, MALDIVES. Operators Wilbert/PE7T and James/9V1YC are currently active as 8Q7PE and 8Q7YC, respectively from Ukulhas Island, Alif Alif Atoll, Maldives (AS-013), until October 21st. Activity is on various HF bands, usually on CW, SSB and possibly FT8. QSL 8Q7YC via W5UE, and 8Q7PE via PE7T by the Bureau only.

8Q, MALDIVES. Braco, E77DX (OE1EMS), will be active as 8Q7DX, from Baa Atoll (AS-013) between November 10-27th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using mainly CW. He will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/Classic entry, but only for the first 24 Hrs. Equipment is a Elecraft KX-3, Juma 1000 1KW, into an endfeed antenna in halfsquare configuration (80-10m). QSL via OE1EMS.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Operators Mark/EA8FF, Andrea/HB9DUR, Marco/IK2LFF, Massimo/IZ4DPV, Pete/SQ9D, Rick/PY2EL, Ferando/PY2LED and Waldir/PY2WC will be active as D4C from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL D4C direct to HB9DUR or by the Bureau to IK2NCJ, also LoTW or eQSL. Look for operators to sign as D4Z and/or D41CV prior to contest. For the latest information, check the D4C Web page at: <http://www.d4c.cc>

E4, PALESTINE. Janusz, SP9FIH, will once again be active as E44WE from Bethlehem between October 27th and November 11th. Activity will be on 20/17/15 meters (possibly 160m) using SSB, some RTTY and possibly FT8. He will also be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.e4.dxpedititions.org>

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Kasimir, DL2SBY, is now active as EA8/DL2SBY from Fuerteventura Island (AF-004). Length of activity unknown. Activity will usually be on 40-6 meters including 17/12 meters and possibly 30 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. His equipment will be a TS480SAT with a 400 watts amp, antennas are a Triple Leg (20/17/15/12/10m), vertical (80-10m) and an Inverted Vee (30/40m). QSL HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! His log will be uploaded to LoTW later.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Thierry, F6CUK, will be active as F6CUK/FJ from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146) between October 21st and November 1st. Activity will be holiday style on

various HF bands using CW and SSB. Equipment is a TS480SAT and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign, eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

GU, GUERNSEY. Oleg, RL5D, will be active as GU3HFN (the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society callsign) from St. Peter Port during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via GU8ITE or the Bureau.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, is back at the Monastery from Mount Athos, and was heard on CW (14036 kHz), Friday, October 12th, between 1140-1900z. He is expected to be more active. (Apollo was good copy in KC on 20 CW!-Ed.)

TT8KO DXPEDITION NEWS. Kenneth, LA7GIA, was active earlier in the week as TT8KO, but on October 10th, he was shut down by the national security police. As of press time, Kenneth has been waiting for the Chief of the National Security (who is traveling with the President of Chad) to personally check out his radio and equipment. As of late October 13th, Kenneth has been through two interrogations by the security police, and is still waiting and thinking about returning home.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Masa, JA0RQV, will be active from a small seaside bungalow on Majuro Atoll (OC-029) between October 26-29th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). Equipment is an IC-7000 w/100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via M00X0 < <http://www.m0oxo.com>>. For more details and updates, see: <https://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Date Changes). Operators Chris/G3SVL, Nigel/G3TXF, David/G3WGN, Mike/G3WPH and Tony/G2NF (all 6Gs Group members) will be active as VK9XG from Christmas Island between October 17-29th (not October 16-30th). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY. QSL via G3TXF. Full logs will be uploaded to LoTW during the operation. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.6gs.org.uk/christmas-island-2018>

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #11, dated October 10th).
VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-pedition (OC-182) -- After 18 months of intensive planning we will soon begin our long journey to Ducie Island. This is a team effort and you are part of the team. Please help us to work you by reviewing this important information.

1. You can follow our progress as we sail to and from Ducie Island.
<<https://share.garmin.com/VP6D>> Tracking will be available on Oct. 16th as we depart Mangareva.
2. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook - updated from the ship and island.
3. As time permits, we'll send Press Releases to the DX-bulletins and upload photos to VP6D.com from the island.
4. Your only email route to VP6D is through the pilot team.
5. The pilots do not have the logs. Please don't ask them about NiL, busted calls, skeds, etc. -- Do send them helpful suggestions.
6. There is no access to personal email while on the ship or on the island.
7. The log will be uploaded daily, OQRS will be available at VP6D.com shortly after we leave the island.
8. The process for reporting busted / missing QSOs will be available when OQRS opens.
9. We are uploading the log only to VP6D.com - there is no Leaderboard.
10. We plan to use WSJT-X Version 1.9.1 as a Fox on all bands except 160 where we will not use DX-pedition mode. VP6D FT8 operating guidelines posted at VP6D.com
11. DXA at DXA3.org/VP6D will update about 3 minutes after your contact. Check here to see if you are in our log.

12. The log may show FT8 dupes even if you didn't dupe us, we will resolve dupes after the DX-pedition.

13. Thanks to Lance, W7GJ, our plan to activate 6m EME is a first for Ducie Island.

There will be at least 3 DXpeditions operating from the Pacific during Oct/Nov. Ensure you are in the correct pileup for the DX you are trying to work. If you see your contact on VP6D's DXA that contact is in our log.

Please consider a donation at VP6D.com to help offset the team's significant investment to put Ducie Island on the air. Those who process a donation on VP6D.com before we sail on 16 October will receive their LoTW confirmation while we're on the island.

We wish everyone the best of luck in getting in the log, we'll do our best to get you the Qs you want.

73, Team Ducie 2018

Please direct questions to: info@vp6d.com

VP6D Web page: <https://www.vp6d.com>

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THANKS TO OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

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K3ZN KEYS

